

## COMIQUE.

## THE SMITH FAMILY.

Henry Smith, the razor-strop man, will be remembered by many of our citizens, as a loquacious and amusing street vendor of razor-strops; and anything relative to him now will doubtless interest them.

It appears that after amassing a moderate fortune, he went into various speculations, which, detracted from rather than augmented his accumulations, and the result was that he soon found himself reduced to the necessity of returning to his "first love," the "strop" business. He is already on the tramp, and having turned up in New York city, is thus welcomed by the inconsiderate "trifle-gatherer" of the Evening Mail:

Yesterday passing through Nassau street in the vicinity of Wall, we observed a crowd of open mouths and smiling faces surrounding a tall, thin, worn, but gentlemanly-looking man, who, with prose and verse, with a superlative use of the English language, demonstrating that what he was offering for sale was the best, cheapest, and most enduring article ever offered to an intelligent and discriminating people in any age, clime or community, and with forcible and amusing eloquence supplementing the above with the fact that notwithstanding he had supplied the whole continent and a part of Europe for a quarter of a century, he had still "a few more left of the same sort, for only a quarter."

We joined with the crowd, and were impelled to relieve the salesman of a really excellent razor-strop at so cheap a price, for we recognized in his ancient and venerable physiognomy one of New York's old and esteemed representative originals—Henry Smith, the eccentric and well known "razor strop man." He glories in the name of Smith, as we see by our verbatim note of a part of his address: "Gentlemen my name is Smith, and I am proud to say I am not ashamed of it. It may be that no person in this crowd owns that very uncommon name. If, however, there be one such, let him hold up his head, pull his dicky, turn out his toes, take courage, and thank his stars that there are a few more left of the same sort."

Smith, gentlemen, is an illustrious name. And stands very high in the annals of fame. Let White, Brown, or Jones, increase as they will, believe me that Smith will out-number them still.

Gentlemen, I am proud of being an original Smith—no a Smith or a Smythe; but a regular, natural, original S-m-i-t-h, Smith. Putting you into the middle or an end at the end, won't do, gentlemen. Who ever heard of a great man by the name of S-m-y-t-h or S-m-i-t-t-h? Echo answers who, and everybody answers nobody. But as for Smith—plain S-m-i-t-h, Smith—why the pillars of fame are covered with that honored and revered name. Who are the most witty, witty, and popular authors of this century? Albert and John Smith. Who the most original, witty, and humorous preachers? Rev. Sidney Smith. To go further, who is the boldest and bravest soldier in Sumner's army in the Revolution? Smith. Who palavered with Powhatan, gallanted with Pocahontas, and became the ancestor of the first families of Virginia? Smith again.

And who, I ask, and I ask the question seriously and soberly—who, I say, is the man and what is his name, who has fought the most battles, made the most speeches, preached the most sermons, held the most offices, sung the most songs, written the most poems, courted the most women, kissed the most girls, run away with the most wives, and married the most widows? History says, you say, I say, and everybody says, John Smith. [Laughter and applause.] To go back still further, the scripture speaks of one Alexander, the Copper Smith. Further back still, we read of Tubal Cain, who was an artificer in brass and iron. He must undoubtedly have been a Black Smith. And I have no doubt, gentlemen, that the great progenitor of our race would have been called Smith, if his name hadn't been Adam. [Laughter.] And now, gentlemen, let me ask who is that benevolent and self-sacrificing individual who, regardless of the wants of humanity, strives to cheer the hearts of men, to dry up the tears of women, and hush the cries of children, by declaring eternal peace and exterminating war against all, each, and every dull razor, knife, shears, and scissors, in this great and glorious country?

Modesty, respected fellow citizens, that natural and retiring modesty which is so peculiar to the honored family of which I have spoken forbids me to mention his name. Let it suffice it to say that if any gentleman in this most respectable and intelligent crowd desires to procure an article that is warranted to sharpen his wife's scissors, his boy's knife, his own razor, his wits, or his appetite, I stand ready as the sole representative of all the Smiths, whether blacksmiths, whitesmiths, goldsmiths, silversmiths, coppersmiths, or John Smith, to sell him a keen, close, cute, cunning, capable, curious, and capital razor-strop, of which, I am proud to say, "I have still a few more left of the same sort, and the price is twenty-five cents."

THE CLERGYMAN AND HIS SON.—"What thou hast to do, do it with all thy might," said a clergyman to his son, one morning.

"So I did this morning," replied Bill, with an enthusiastic gleam in his eye.

"Ah! what was it, my darling?" and the father's hand ran through his offspring's curls.

"Why, I wallowed Jack Edwards till he yelled like blazes; you should have heard him holler, dad."

"Dad!" looked unhappy; while he explained that the precept did not imply a case like that, and concluded with—

"You should not have done that, my child."

"Then he'd wallowed me," retorted Bill.

"Better," expostulated his sire, "to have fled from the wrath to come."

"Yes," urged Bill, by the way of a final clincher, "but Jack can run twice as fast as I can."

The good man sighed, went to his study, took up a pen and endeavored to compose himself on a sermon reconciling practice and precept.

## MASONIC.

## Meetings.

Oregon Lodge, No. 126, meets on the first Monday and third Saturday of each month.

Keystone R. A. Chapter, U. D., meets on the 4th Saturday of each month.

## JURISPRUDENCE—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[From the St. Louis Freeman.]

Q. 1. Has the S. W., in the absence of the W. M., authority to call a meeting of the Lodge for a trial?

Q. 2. Has the W. M., on his return, authority to annul the call, and to dismiss a trial that is in progress before the Lodge, without a vote of the Lodge?

A. To the first, we answer, undoubtedly yes. To the second, we answer, unequivocally no, unless the charges were wholly without the pale of Masonic cognizance.

Q. 3. Does the G. L. of Missouri require any fees for Lodge degrees, or does it demand any dues of any kind except the fifty cents for each member on the rolls?

A. It does not.

Q. 4. Does the Grand Lodge of Missouri require visitors to its subordinate lodges from other jurisdictions or its own to furnish certificates or diplomas?

A. Visitors from any Lodge in the United States do not have to produce certificates of membership, but only those from foreign jurisdictions, excepting Canada, and from the latter country they should be asked for, but are not indispensably necessary.

Q. 5. If a W. M. asks a member to retire for a little time, must the member do it, or may he use his pleasure about it?

A. We should answer thus: While no member can be deprived of his rights in Lodge without cause, yet the question naturally arises, whether he is losing any "rights" by obeying the Master in this instance. We cannot see as he loses anything by going out, but may be the gain, as something personally affecting him may be brought forward which would not be pleasant for him to know; therefore, as he loses no rights, and it being the prerogative of the W. M. to preserve the harmony and good government of his Lodge, he has authority to invite a member to temporarily leave, and if the brother disobeys, he would certainly be guilty of disrespect and contumacy.

Q. 6. If an E. A. or F. C. apply for advancement and is rejected, and applies again, must he stand another examination as to proficiency?

A. As it is impossible to decide whether he was rejected on account of moral or Masonic disqualification, we do not see how the second examination can be dispensed with.

Q. 7. Is it necessary for a Mason to be an active member of a Lodge in order to belong to Chapter or Commandery?

A. It is not by law, and for the further reason that if a M. M. has not an active membership in Lodge, he loses his greatest privileges as a Mason, and thereby pays the penalty for non-affiliation.

Q. 8. Can a M. M. who once belonged to a Lodge now defunct, and who has not since had opportunity to get his Grand Lodge limit and join another Lodge, be buried as a Mason?

A. A Mason occupying this position is not, strictly speaking, a non-affiliated Mason, but his membership is merely held in abeyance, and he is not thereby deprived of Masonic burial.

Q. 9. Is there any badge of mourning for Chapter or Commandery different from that of Lodge?

A. We know of no badge except black crape, common to all orders.

P. 10. Can a Lodge receive a petition and do regular business on the St. John's days?

A. By some by-laws we notice that St. John's days are put down as additional to the regular meetings, and when the duties of those days are not specially defined, Lodges may do regular business and receive a petition and report on the same one month thereafter. If, however, those days are merely set apart for anniversary purposes, then of course nothing else could be done. If the regular meeting falls on one of those days, then it is a regular meeting to all intents and purposes.

Q. 11. Can a permission granted another Lodge to confer degrees be construed into a recommendation?

A. No, unless the recommendation is specified. When a Lodge waives jurisdiction over a candidate, and another Lodge takes up that candidate, they do it on their own responsibility.

Q. 12. Is it a necessary qualification that a man believe in the Bible, either old or new, to become a Mason?

A. It is not, any more than it is to believe in the Koran, the sacred books of Yedee, or any other test of theological belief. The Jew does not believe in the New Testament; the Mohammedan does not believe in the inspiration of all the books of the Bible, and Masonry, in order to harmonize all theological divisions, rejects no book, but will receive her initiates upon that test of faith which he may be willing to accept as binding upon his conscience.

Masonry has but one test of religious belief, and that test is a landmark—belief in God. Beyond that, no Lodge can go without violating a landmark, and to do that would subject the charter to arrest.

We believe that there is no better rule or guide to our works than the Bible, our great Light; this Masonry endorses and gives to her disciples, but leaves to the conscience of all to accept or reject.

## PETITIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

Owing to the great irregularity with which petitions for Dispensations for Lodges and Chapters are gotten up, and the delay occasioned thereby, the Grand Secretary has printed a complete blank form, which will be sent to applicants free of charge. It is not probable that any Dispensations will be issued after July the 15th until the meeting of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in October next.—[St. Louis Freeman.]

## STEADINESS OF PURPOSE IS THE HELM OF EACH MAN WHO WOULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING USEFUL IN MASONRY.

A purpose rightly conceived, a plan rightly laid, a design rightly drawn, a beginning divinely blessed; then a persevering effort that acknowledges no obstacle, and submits to no difficulty. This is what is understood by the Masonic expression, "time, patience and perseverance accomplish all things."

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Taken Up. BY A. Goldilan, in Lewis to Shelby, a county of Holt, as a stray, One year two years old past, red and white spotted, white tail, a white spot in the forehead, marked with a swallow fork in the left ear, and appraised at twenty dollars. Given under my hand this 7th day of March, 1888. GEORGE W. WEBB, J. P.

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For NERVOUSNESS, SICK HEADACHE, NAUSEA, Pain in the Stomach, Back, or Side, take from four to eight Pills on going to bed. If they do not operate sufficiently, take more the next day until they do. These complaints will be swept out from the system. Don't wear these and your kindred disorders because your stomach is foul.

For SCROFULA, ERYSIPELAS, and all Diseases of the Skin, take the Pills freely and frequently, to keep the bowels open. The eruptions will gradually begin to diminish and disappear. Many dreadful ulcers and sores have been healed up by the purging and purifying effect of these Pills, and some disgusting diseases which seemed to saturate the whole system have completely yielded to their influence, leaving the sufferer in perfect health. Patients! your duty to society forbids that you should parade yourself around the world covered with pimples, blotches, ulcers, sores, and all or any of the unclean diseases of the skin, because your system wants cleansing.

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All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

JOHN S. REYNOLDS, Adm'r of Wm. Perkins, dec'd. Oregon, Mo., March 13th, 1888.—[30-3t]

Administrator's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of David Handy, deceased, have been granted to me by the Holt County Court, bearing date the 14th day of February, 1888.

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Adm'r of D. Handy, dec'd. Oregon, Mo., March 13th, 1888.—[30-3t]

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